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1. Minister of Information Kopecky addressed a meeting of young Communist newspaper men on 27 July. Following is a part of the speech: "The Communist Party and URO (Revolutionary Trade Union Movement) are the sole powers in this country. If we and the trade unions wish we could start a revolution any moment. The Russian Army backs whatever Gottwald says. That gives force to your work against reaction. Look around. See what is happening in Hungary. It is logical to assume that this process will not stop beyond our borders. One day we will finish reaction in this country too. In our country circumstances are much more difficult. Things have to be done more carefully here. First we must make sure that Slovakia continues her policy against Czechoslovak unity. Consider what is happening in the Slovak Democratic Party and what the trade unions in Slovakia are doing now. When we succeed in getting Slovakia to secede it will be easy to liquidate Bohemia and Moravia."

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